



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF SAMTRANS BUS STOPS ON HILLER STREET AND AUTHORIZING 50-FOOT NO PARKING ZONES BETWEEN 6:30AM AND 6:30PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from Samtrans to add two bus stops on Hiller Street near Nesbit Elementary School. The new bus stops will require 50-foot long no parking zone between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during Samtrans hours of operation.

Background

The PTSC received a request from Samtrans in March 2008 to install two bus stops in each direction on Hiller Street in the vicinity of Nesbit Elementary School. The request stemmed from a disabled Belmont resident's complaint about having difficulty getting to the school from the current bus stops that have a significant distance between them. The U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was contacted as well.

Discussion

The PTSC received a request from Samtrans in March 2008 to install two bus stops in each direction on Hiller Street at 719 Hiller Street and 418 Cornish Way (on Hiller Street). A number of issues were raised regarding the best location for these proposed bus stop(s). Some considerations included:

- It is a common practice to establish bus stops at the intersection exit rather than intersection entryway.
- Biddulph Way has "No Parking 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday" restrictions at Hiller Street, therefore, residents of Hiller Street whose property faces Biddulph Way often park on Hiller Street.
- Originally Samtrans proposed No Parking Zone(s) at the proposed bus stop locations that would have restricted parking 24 hours per day seven days per week. Currently, Samtrans requests no parking only during Samtrans hours of operations, which are between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday.
- Samtrans will eliminate the bus stops on Hiller Street at Cambridge Street if the proposed bus stops are approved.

The chronological history of the Samtrans requests to establish bus stops on Hiller Street in the vicinity of Nesbit Elementary School is described as follows. Supplemental information is shown on the Map Exhibit B to summarize comments and certain considerations from the chronology.

Samtrans request #1.

The Samtrans submitted their first request in October 2007 to install two bus stops in each direction on Hiller Street in the vicinity of Nesbit Elementary School. The request stemmed from a disabled Belmont resident's complaint about having difficulty getting to the school from the current bus stops that have a significant distance between them. The PTSC performed a field investigation, discussed feasibility and location of the proposed bus stops. The original request from Samtrans proposed the northbound bus stop to be situated on Hiller Street and Biddulph Way. However, the Police Department expressed a concern about the traffic congestion in the northbound direction of Hiller Street if the bus stops at Biddulph Way. Therefore, the City recommended the bus stop at the northbound location to be situated on Hiller Street north of Cornish Way and the southbound bus stop to be located on Hiller Street south of Biddulph Way. In order to comply with the ADA requirements, the bus stops shall have a clear access to the curbside for wheelchairs. Therefore, Samtrans requested two 50-foot no parking zones at the proposed locations of the bus stops.

On November 13, 2007, City staff took this issue to the City Council for approval of the bus stops. However, the item was pulled from the agenda because a resident of 801 Hiller Street objected to having the southbound Hiller bus stop in front of his house eliminating parking which is already in high demand in this area 24 hours per day, seven days per week. City staff contacted Samtrans and discussed other available options for the bus stops.

Samtrans request #2.

In February 2008, City staff received a letter from Samtrans recommending establishment of only one bus stop in the northbound direction on Hiller Street at Cornish Way with the parking restrictions during Samtrans hours of operations which are between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday. City staff was planning to take this issue to the City Council for approval on March 11 and notified residents within a 300-foot radius, however, Samtrans pulled this item from their agenda to revise the plans. City staff notified residents within the 300-foot radius that the item would not be considered at the City Council meeting.

Samtrans request #3.

In late March 2008, Samtrans contacted City staff with the proposal to revert back to the establishment of 2 bus stops on Hiller Street: northbound stop to be located at Cornish Way and southbound stop to be located north of Biddulph Way. City staff sent notices again to the residents located within the 300-foot radius asking for residents' feedback with regards to the proposed location of the bus stops. Two responses were received: one in favor of the bus stop (807 Hiller Street) and one against it (717 Hiller). The resident of the 717 Hiller objected to the installation of the bus stop in front of 719 Hiller due to the back-ups that currently exist at the

stop sign at 719 Hiller, which makes it difficult to exit the driveway. Belmont Police Department expressed concerns that due to the presence of said bus stop at 719 Hiller Street, the proposed bus stop will block the lane of traffic creating a significant traffic back-up. Therefore, the Police Department recommended reverting back to the original proposal from Samtrans to establish a bus stop on Hiller Street south of Biddulph Way (at 801 Hiller Street).

The City has two options.

- Establishment of two Samtrans bus stops: at 801 Hiller Street and 418 Cornish Way (on Hiller Street).
- Establishment of only one bus stop in northbound direction in front of the 418 Cornish Way.
- Deny Samtrans request for bus stops.

General Plan/Vision Statement

This project is consistent with the General Plan General Community Goals and Policies section (Paragraph 1015), which states “To provide public services efficiently and at a level adequate to serve an ultimate population of about 28,000.”

Fiscal Impact

Samtrans will be responsible for the installation of the posts and signs and City staff will post signage for the time restrictions.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda and mailing and Teleminder notices to the properties within a 300-foot radius.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing bus stops at 801 Hiller Street and 418 Cornish Way and authorizing 50-foot long no parking zones between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during Samtrans hours of operation.

Alternatives

1. Establish a bus stop at 418 Cornish Way and authorize 50-foot long no parking zone between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during Samtrans hours of operation.
2. Take no action.
3. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution approving two Samtrans bus stops at 801 Hiller Street and 418 Cornish Way and authorizing 50-foot long no parking zones between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during Samtrans hours of operation.
- B. Resolution approving one Samtrans bus stop at 418 Cornish Way and authorize 50-foot long no parking zone between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during Samtrans hours of operation.

- C. Exhibit A – Aerial of Location
- D. Exhibit B – Discussion Exhibit (Council Only)
- E. Samtrans Letter dated February 15, 2008, requesting one bus stop (Council only)
- F. Samtrans Letter dated March 24, 2008, requesting two the bus stops (Council only)

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO SAMTRANS BUS STOPS ON
HILLER STREET AT 418 CORNISH WAY AND 801 HILLER STREET AND
AUTHORIZING TWO 50-FOOT NO PARKING ZONES BETWEEN 6:30AM AND
6:30PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

WHEREAS, in October 2007, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from Samtrans to add two bus stops in each direction on Hiller Street in the vicinity of Nesbit Elementary School at 418 Cornish Way (on Hiller Street) and at 801 Hiller Street; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC reviewed this request, performed a field investigation, discussed feasibility and location of the proposed bus stop; and,

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2007, City staff took this issue to the City Council for approval of the bus stops; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council referred back to staff for additional information due to the resident of 801 Hiller Street objected to having the southbound Hiller bus stop in front of his house eliminating parking which is already in high demand in this area; and,

WHEREAS, in February 2008, City staff received a letter from Samtrans recommending establishment of one bus stop in the northbound direction on Hiller Street at Cornish Way with the parking restrictions during Samtrans hours of operations which are between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday; and,

WHEREAS, City staff planned to take this issue to the City Council for approval on March 11, 2008 and notified residents within 300-foot radius, however, Samtrans pulled this item from their agenda to revise the plans; and,

WHEREAS, in late March 2008, Samtrans contacted City staff with the proposal to revert back to establishment of the two bus stops on Hiller Street: northbound bus stop to be located at 418 Cornish Way and southbound stop to be located north of Biddulph Way at 719 Hiller Street; and,

WHEREAS, City staff sent notices to the residents located within 300-foot radius asking for residents' feedback in regards to the proposed bus stops; and,

WHEREAS, two responses were received: one in favor of the bus stop (807 Hiller Street) and one against it (717 Hiller); and,

WHEREAS, after receiving a feedback from residents, the PTSC met on April 17, 2008 to discuss the issue; and,

WHEREAS, Belmont Police Department expressed concerns that due to the presence of said bus stop at 719 Hiller Street, the proposed bus stop will block the lane of traffic creating significant traffic back; and,

WHEREAS, it is a common practice to establish bus stops at the intersection exit rather than intersection entryway; and,

WHEREAS, the new bus stops will be located at 801 Hiller Street and 418 Cornish Way (on Hiller Street) and have 50-foot long no parking zones between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during Samtrans hours of operation; and,

WHEREAS, Samtrans will be responsible for the installation of the posts and signs and City staff will post signage for the time restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves the establishment of two bus stops at 418 Cornish Way (on Hiller Street) and at 801 Hiller Street and authorizing 50-foot long no parking zones between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during hours of Samtrans operation.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on May 13, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF SAMTRANS BUS STOP ON NORTHBOUND HILLER STREET AT 418 CORNISH WAY AND AUTHORIZING A 50-FOOT NO PARKING ZONE BETWEEN 6:30AM AND 6:30PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

WHEREAS, in October 2007, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from Samtrans to add two bus stops in each direction on Hiller Street in the vicinity of Nesbit Elementary School at 418 Cornish Way (on Hiller Street) and at 801 Hiller Street; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC reviewed this request, performed a field investigation, discussed feasibility and location of the proposed bus stop; and,

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2007, City staff took this issue to the City Council for approval of the bus stops; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council referred back to staff for additional information due to the resident of 801 Hiller Street objected to having the southbound Hiller bus stop in front of his house eliminating parking which is already in high demand in this area; and,

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WHEREAS, City staff sent notices to the residents located within 300-foot radius asking for residents' feedback in regards to the proposed bus stops; and,

WHEREAS, two responses were received: one in favor of the bus stop (807 Hiller Street) and one against it (717 Hiller); and,

WHEREAS, after receiving a feedback from residents, the PTSC met on April 17, 2008 to discuss the issue; and,

WHEREAS, the new bus stop will be located at 418 Cornish Way (on Hiller Street) and have 50-foot long no parking zone between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday during Samtrans hours of operation; and,

WHEREAS, Samtrans will be responsible for the installation of the post and sign and City staff will post signage for the time restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves the establishment a 50-foot long no parking zone between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday through Friday, on northbound Hiller Street at Cornish Way at 418 Cornish Way.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on May 13, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

4 EXHIBIT A

Proposed Bus Stops
& No Parking Zones
M-F, 6:30am - 6:30pm

Cornish Way

Oxford Way

Hiller Street

Biddulph Way

Nesbit Elementary School

Legend

- Proposed_Bus_Stop_and_No_Parking_Zone
- Roads_Public_and_Private
- Parcels_Metro

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